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Births.
ALLEN.—On the 24th, at No. 3, Victoria-terrace, McKenzie-street, Waverley, the wife of Mr. J. J. Allen, of a son pre-
maturely, at 12.15 a.m., weighing 3 lbs. 10 oz.
ATKINSON.—May 21, at her residence, 49, Hordern-street, New-
town, the wife of Thomas Atkinson, of a daughter.
MARKS.—May 26, at her residence, Victoria-terrace, Albion-
street, Surry Hills, the wife of D. Marks, of a daughter.
MURRAY.—May 26, at Allerton-street, St. Léonard, the wife of
Joseph Murray, of a daughter.
NEWCOMBE.—May 26, at No. 2, Glenmores-terrace, St. John's-
road, Forest Lodge, the wife of W. Newcombe, of a son.
PEPPER.—May 27, at her residence, 331, Elizabeth-street, Dar-
linghurst, Mrs. Pepper, of a daughter.
RUTHER.—May 24, at her residence, Arndell, Port Macquarie, the
wife of John Lowry Rutherford, of a son.
SALIBUR.—May 25, at Surry Hills, the wife of James Salis-
bury, of a son.

Marriages.

CHRISTIE—KELPNER.—April 28, at Michael's, Church of
the Ascension, St. Kilda, Mrs. Henry K. Kelpner, youngest
son of the late John Christie, of Sydney, to Elizabeth, eldest
daughter of the late Edward Kepner, of Parramatta.
DRUITT—GOLDMONT.—May 26, at Trinity Church, St. Kilda,
Robert Druitt, third son of the Ven-
erable Archdeacon Drury of Cooma, to Emma Wallwork,
second daughter of Henry Goldmont, of Goulburn.

Deaths.

COLEMAN.—May 21, at her parents' residence, Waverley,
Eliza Beattie, infant daughter of Theo. and Lillian Coleman,
of the deceased, at 10.15 a.m., 1885.

DEAN.—May 28, at his residence, Darlinghurst-road, Joseph
William Dean, formerly Captain H. M. 9th Regiment, aged 79.

GUIGAN.—May 28, at West Maitland, William Iddo, second
son of the late James Colgan.

HAY.—May 28, at his residence, Ultimo-road, Marrickville,
William Hay, of the deceased, aged 70.

HEYD.—May 25, South-avenue, Petersham, Mary Louisa,
youngest daughter of James and Mary Anne Heyd, aged 2
years and 1 month.

HUGHES.—May 21, at the residence of his son Arthur
William, Campbell-street, of Hopwood-street, Paddington,
William Hughes, of 22 years, native of Oxford, England.
House papers please copy.

STILFORD.—May 20, at Sydney, New South Wales, William
Telford, of Scotland, aged 44. House papers please copy.

TILLEY.—May 21, suddenly, at Chipping, Waverley, Queen-
sland, Thomas Tilley, late of Gulgah, South Australia, aged 28 years.

In Memoriam.

OUR.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear brother,
John William Horne, who died June 1st, 1878. Dead, but
not forgotten.

OUR.—In loving memory of my dear brother-in-law,
Michael O'Grady, who died May 31, 1885, aged 32 years.

OUR.—In and loving remembrance of our dear mother,
Mrs. O'Grady, who died on June 1st, 1884. Though
lost to sight to memory dear.

BOWHOL.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear
mother, Rose Bowhol, who departed this life 1st of June, 1882.
Dead, but not forgotten.

Shipping.

ORIENT LINE OF STEAMERS.

NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
CONTRACT MAIL SERVICE.

The following passenger and mail contract with the ORIENT
CO. and the PACIFIC CO., will leave SYDNEY at 1 p.m. on
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issued, and the steamer's office, giving passengers the option of
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For all information apply at the Company's Office, 367,
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

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General Manager in Ceylon.

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Amusements.

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Lesser, ... B. N. Jones
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DON'T FORGET IT.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4,

being our LAST PERIOD IN SYDNEY,

We take a grateful farewell of the Sydney public, and GIVE FOR THAT EVENING PROGRAMME BRIMFUL OF MUSICALS.

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SATURDAY, June 4.

FAIRBANKS, TURNOFF, CO. STAGE, JUNE 5.
GOULDS, TURNOFF, CO. STAGE, JUNE 6 and 10.
ALBURY, THURSDAY, JUNE 11 and 12.
ST. GEORGE'S HALL, MELBOURNE, SATURDAY, June 12.

Poster Price.

Orchestra Chairs, 4s; Stalls, 2s; Family Circle, 2s.
Box Seats, 4s; Dress Circle, 2s; Parquette, 1s; Par-

quette, 1s; Box Office at Henschel's Music Warehouse, 818, George-street. Tickets may be obtained at Robert's, Bookseller, next Theatre. Children in arms free.

NEW OPERA HOUSE.

Under the Lesseeship and Management of E. Majeroni and W. J. Wilson, Stage Manager, Mr. A. Rodger. Doors open at 7.15, and close at 8 o'clock, carriage 10.30. 2nd WEEK.

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The first play ever presented to a Sydney audience.

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JOE BROWN, Business Manager.

TIME ALHAMBRA MUSIC HALL,
GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET.

Lessee and Director, ... Mr. Frank Smith
Stage Manager, ... Mr. Edwin Shipp
Musical Director, ... Mr. Chas. Austin
Singer, ... Mr. Charles, Mechanic, Mr. Quinn,
Lithographer, ... Mr. George, Bookseller.

MUSINERS VARIETY BURLESQUE COMPANY.

Our Programmes This Evening and every evening until further notice.

PART 1st—MINSTRELSY.

1. Overture, "Sally" — Company.

2. Ballad, "The Girl I Love" — Mr. H. Barrington.

3. Comic Song, "Good-bye, Honey, I Am Gone" — Mr. C. Fanning.

4. Ballad, "We Must Again" — Mr. A. Parker.

5. Comic Song, "The Girl I Love" — Miss Grace Folandine.

6. Comic Song, "Ask Her If Her Mother's Got an Old Tom Cat" — Mr. Edwin Shipp.

7. Ballad, "Soothie Loo" — Mr. Wm. Ryan.

8. Ballad, "Grand Finale" — Mr. Wm. Ryan.

9. Ballad, "The Queen of the Altar, or the great green-pants-pieans," by Messrs. Shipp, Fanning, and Company.

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Tenders.

BOROUGH OF RANDWICK.
TENDERS will be received until 7 p.m. on 9th instant for building—
Meat-streets, length 15 chains
St. James-street, length 22 chains
Rathven-street, length 15 chains
Waigani-street, length 15 chains
Carrington-street, length 5 chains
The four last named streets are situated of Old South Head, Waverley.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of the Council Clerk, next to the Town Hall, or full particulars may be obtained from Mr. J. WILLIAMS, Overseer of Roads, W. BETHUNE, Council Clerk.

BOROUGH OF RANDWICK.
TENDERS will be received until 7 p.m. on MONDAY, the 29th instant, for the services of a duly-qualified SURVEYOR and ENGINEER, who will also be required to perform the duties of Council Clerk.

The salary required per annum, to be addressed to the Council Clerk, next to the Town Hall, Randwick, endorsed on cover to Tender for Engineer and Surveyor.

Information may be obtained from the Town Hall, or full particulars of duties may be obtained on application to the Mayor or Council Clerk.

W. BETHUNE, Council Clerk.

Town Hall, Randwick, May 27, 1885.

BOROUGH OF EAST ST. LEONARDS.
TENDERS are invited the 1.30 p.m. TUESDAY, June 1, for the supply of a Street-wetting Cart, with apparatus, from \$3.00 to 12.00, daily.

R. A. TEMPLER, Council Clerk.

Council-chambers, East St. Leonards, May 26, 1885.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM EGAN, Mopeth, Stockholder.

TENDERS are invited for the following Assets in this Estate till TUESDAY, 2nd June, 1885, at noon—

LOT 1. STOCK-IN-TRADE.

General Drapery, Household, Stationery, &c. $\$750$ 11 11
Woolens, and Men's Clothing $\$35$ 12 8
Fancy Goods, Household, &c. $\$25$ 12 8
Grocery, &c. $\$25$ 12 8
Hardware, and Particulars $\$25$ 12 8
Stock in back store $\$15$ 6 3
Stationery, &c. $\$15$ 6 3
Total $\$1374$ 4 0

LOT 2. WORKING PLANT, &c. $\$47$ 7 6
Total $\$1821$ 6 6

Stock Lists may be seen, all particulars and tender forms obtained from the undermentioned, or from their agent, Mr. W. W. Vaughan, at Mopeth.

It is required the usual 10 per cent. on amount of tender be deposited.

MELBOURNE, Accountants and Trade Attorneys.
51, York-street, May 27, 1885.

MILK—TENDERS invited for Supplying large depot
permanently, twice daily, City, Herald Office.

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection and Completion of new Buildings for the United Insurance Company, at the corner of George and Hunter-streets. The works may be tendered for as usual.

1st. Excavation, masonry, drainage, and brickwork, one sum.
2nd. Carpenter's work, joiner's work, and all finishing trades.

Or the whole of the work in one lump sum.

Plans and specifications may be seen upon application at the offices of the Architect, to whom tenders are to be delivered on or before TUESDAY, the 9th June.

Security will be required for the due performance of the work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

MORELL and KEMP,
Architects and Consulting Engineers,
154, Pitt-street, Sydney.

May 21, 1885.

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection and Completion of an Extensive first-class Villa, Residence and Stable, Office, at Ashfield, for Prud. Classed, Esq.

The work may be tendered for under, namely—

1st. Excavation, drainage, and brickwork, in one sum.

2nd. Carpenter's work, joiner's work, and all finishing trades.

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154, Pitt-street, Sydney.

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TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection and Completion of NEW PREMISES in PITT and ROWE STREETS for the COMMERCIAL BANK of AUSTRALIA, Limited.

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The habit of many business men is to stamp their telegrams with the full name of the firm when a signal word would suffice. The diffuseness which marks the address extends of course to the message. Thousands of senders of telegrams do not remember that every word that is wired costs money, the result being that a large number of the messages that cover ten words might be easily confined to five. In many instances they send things not because it is important to send them, but because they must get value for their money. "The man who has left his wife in the morning and gone to business telegraphs to say that he shall not be home to dinner. His wife, of course, knows perfectly well where he is, but he inserts, probably without thinking, the whole of his business address, and amplifies to the full the description of his suburban villa, though letters addressed in his name alone are regularly delivered from the local Post-office. Christian names of both senders and addressees and titles of courtesy are showered recklessly into addresses, and many business firms go so far as to keep a stamp with the full partnership name, a description of their trade, and a redundant address, and prefix every telegram they send with the whole of this rigmarole. The same thing occurs in the text. The first five, or perhaps ten, words are the matter which cause the telegram; the remainder of the twenty are gossip. Indeed, persons who always stipulate for their money a worth have been known to fill up the lastline of the four with "Britannia rules the waves," or some other patriotic but not strictly relevant sentiment. All this is sheer waste of time and force. No one is a bit the better for all the useless matter sent over the wires, and many persons are losers through the detention of their messages while needless verbiage blocks the way." Those who content for free addresses are not likely to be convinced by such arguments as these; but the general opinion will probably be that sixpenny telegrams with the addresses charged for are to be preferred to shilling telegrams and free addresses. The experiment which the English Postmaster-General resolves to try is an interesting one, and its result should be noted by our own authorities.

Mr. H. C. Russell's annual rain record, with its accompanying illustrated plans, is not less interesting this year than heretofore. Indeed, the losses of the country from drought and the way in which rain is still anxiously looked for make the rain register a document of unusual interest, for we search back the figures to see what hope we can find in the experience of previous years. The pamphlet this year is fuller than usual, because, in order to answer completely a question that was repeatedly put to him, Mr. Russell has given a record of the rainfall at all the stations for the past fourteen years, so far as the figures are obtainable. Most of the stations have not been in existence for that length of time, but there is a fair number of them in the eastern half of the colony; and the comparison of the different years will be an interesting study for the residents in that portion of our territory. The period embodied in this survey includes some years of good rainfall, especially 1874, when there was an average of 33.46 inches, and in 1870, when there was an average of 33.76. But, in comparing the averages of the whole colony, we must bear in mind that there has been a great increase in the number of stations in the western and drier half, and that their inclusion naturally brings the average down. The difference between the coast-line and the far west is extreme, and ranges from 50 inches to 5. Every year has increased the number of observers, and they amount now to very nearly 600. The rain map now presents very few large blanks, and we may consider the rainfall to be on the whole fairly tabulated. Taking the last eleven years as a comparison, Mr. Russell shows us that the first 6 of them may be spoken of as years of plenty, and the last 5 as years of deficiency. During the first six years the total of the averages amounted to 106 inches, and during the last five years to only 94. The mean average of the whole eleven years is 23.76. This was exceeded in all but one of the first six years, and that was in 1877; but in the last five years every one has fallen below the average by at least three inches. Of the last four years, each succeeding one has been drier than its predecessor, till last year the average was brought down to 15.80 inches. Mr. Russell says it is to be hoped that the decennial series has at last come to an end; but so far as five months of the present year are concerned, this hope has not been realised: for on the eastern coast at least the rainfall has been unusually small. Comparing last year with this, we notice that we had our principal rainfall in the autumn and winter months. Thus, after having had less than three inches in January, February, and March, we had 12.7 in April, 7.29 in May, 6.37 in June, and 6.94 in July; making altogether more than 33 inches out of a gross total of 44 for the whole year. This year we have missed the rain in April and May, and can only hope that we may have the deferred treasure in June and July.

In view of the inquiries now being made by the Water Conservation Commission, the statistics of the rain in the Darling basin are particularly interesting, although, to make the study a complete one, we ought to include the rainfall over the Queensland tributaries to the Darling. But in this colony, in the river system above Bourke, there are 117 stations at which rain records are made; and the mean of all these gives the mean rainfall of the Darling basin last year at 14.76 inches. But local discharges on this area, even though heavy, do not necessarily affect the main stream, as it was noted that heavy rains near Dubbo, though producing a considerable rise in the Macquarie, never sent any water at all to the Darling—the thirsty earth absorbed it all. In 1879 the rainfall on the Darling basin was 33.71 inches, or more than twice what it was last year or the year before. Going further south, and taking the rainfall on the Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Lachlan basins, where we have 102 stations, we find the mean to be 14.92 inches, or only a shade more than that on the Darling basin. But taking the river observations at Broken Hill, it is found that the average height of the river above summer-level was only 5 feet 9 inches, which is only equal to a rainfall of 4 inches, or about one-fourth of the actual rainfall. The ground itself therefore stores three-fourths of the rainfall, and only lets 25 per cent go to waste. During the last six years the rise in the Darling has taken place during the first three months in the year; it

has ranged from 8 feet to 20, and has lasted variously from two weeks to nine months. In a sudden flood, the water will go from Bourke to Wilcannia in nine days; when the rise in the river is slow, it will take 14.

Although the Redistribution Bill is not yet law in England, constituencies are busy in looking out for candidates, and candidates in speculating on constituencies. Birmingham, as the headquarters of the Liberal cause, is naturally early in the field, with the view of securing the ground, and of setting an example to other Liberal constituencies. The subdivision of large towns into single electorates has been advocated by the Conservative party, in the hope that they will be able to carry at least one or two of the subdivisions; but Mr. SCHNAIDHORST, as the secretary of the Birmingham caucus, replied to Lord SATCHEVY that he would find the great towns organised as thoroughly to contest the subdivisions as to contest the large electorates. He is as good as his word, and his friends have nominated him to contest the eastern division of Birmingham, because that is the division in which the Conservatives think that they are strongest, and for which it is intended that Lord RANDOLPH CHURCHILL shall stand. Next to Messrs. BRIGHT, CHAMBERS, and DIXON, Mr. SCHNAIDHORST is probably the strongest candidate that the Liberal party in Birmingham could put forward; and, by pitting him against the fiery but not unpopular young TORY, they hope to make it clear to the Conservative party that they will not have a chance in any single division. The Conservatives in Birmingham are a minority, though a large minority; but not even with a three-cornered constituency have they been able to return a member. They are hoping now that, with seven separate members to elect, they will have the chance of getting at least one; but unless the caucuses arrangements are a failure, they will not be able to do even that. How the electioneering tactics will work out is a matter of immense interest to the people of England; but even the most experienced politicians seem to abstain from prophecy, and admit that the new scheme is a leap in the dark.

One very noteworthy peculiarity in the unanimous nomination of Mr. SCHNAIDHORST for the eastern division of Birmingham lies in the fact that, to let him in, the working-men have had to waive their own claim to this electorate. Notwithstanding the fact that the Conservatives took up as their strongest section of the town, it is a district very extensively peopled by artisans. There is a very general and natural desire that in the new Parliament there should be a large infusion of labour representatives, and this portion of Birmingham is looked upon as a place where the labour interest is strong. But, strong as it is, it is scarcely strong enough to beat a popular Conservative candidate, because a working-man's candidate would necessarily to some extent take up an attitude antagonistic to all employers. It has been decided, therefore, by the working-men, that it will be better to abstain from putting one of their own candidates forward, and to throw their votes solidly for Mr. SCHNAIDHORST, rather than let Lord RANDOLPH in. This same difficulty is likely to arise in many small constituencies, and except that the Conservatives are angling for the artisan vote, they could embarrass many working-men's candidates by standing against them. It is not likely, however, that irritating tactics of this kind will be adopted, and there is every probability that in several constituencies working-men will be practically allowed to obtain an easy victory.

If there be one set of laws more than another which creates dissatisfaction, it is the one which deals with insolvents. But that is nothing new or peculiar to the colony. And it may be doubted whether an Act could be passed which would give general satisfaction. When a man becomes insolvent, there will be vexation among his creditors in any case. The process of realising an estate and recovering dividends will be more or less slow and costly, and every delay and item of expense will but add to the original vexation, resulting in complaints loud or deep, according to the temperament of the sufferer. In England the law has been changed two or three times, and every change has still left it in a more or less unsatisfactory condition. The law passed a year or two ago has already been the subject of grumbling. Administration by official assignees has been complained of, and when that has been altered and trade assignees substituted, still there has not been content. And our own system of officialism, which admits of the co-operation of a creditor's assignee in certain circumstances, is not considered sufficient. The conclusion therefore is natural that the frequent expressions of discontent arise from the irritation or vexation at loss that must be inevitably aggravated under any bankruptcy law. Perhaps it is some such feeling that has helped to cause the postponement of legislation in this colony. At the same time it must be admitted that our system is not perfect, and it is well that there should be amendment. It may be doubted, however, whether it would be well to pass an amending Act, as suggested by a correspondent in a late issue, to deal with two points only—that the Court should be made the tribunal for determining all matters relating to the estate of the insolvent, and for making the punishment clauses more stringent. The writer himself suggests the difficulty when he writes:—"The present Act was passed 44 years ago, and it has been amended so frequently that no one can feel sure what remains operative and what has been repealed." Why, then, seek to make it still more confusing? At an early date we may fairly look for some comprehensive enactment that shall embrace everything that experience suggests to a majority of the Legislature; it would be better to put up with the defects for yet a brief period; legislation can hardly be deferred much longer; for, although it may not give all the satisfaction anticipated, it should at least simplify the administration of the Court. Legal practitioners generally might then be able to conduct the business intelligently, which can hardly be said to be the case at the law and practice at present.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The difficulty between England and Russia in regard to the Afghan frontier question may be considered as definitely settled for the present. According to a Reuter's telegram, which we publish this morning, the Russian Government, it is understood, has finally accepted the British proposals, and by the terms of the agreement entered into between the two nations Marushak and Zulnicar will remain in the possession of the Afghans.

The transport Arab, with the New South Wales Contingent on board, left Colombo on Saturday last for Sydney. Twelve cases of sickness were left at the Colombo Hospital, and three of the patients are said to be in a critical condition. The man, on recovery, will probably be brought on to Sydney by one of the P. & O. mail steamers.

Information has been received by the manager of the Telegraph Department that communication on the Sharp Peak-Foochow land line has been restored.

There are on view at the Art Gallery four pictures by Mr. Robert Dowling, an artist whose works, though not very familiar here, are of sufficient grace and finish to deserve to be shown in this institution. One is a portrait of Sir H. B. Loch, the Governor of Vig-

toria, and a second is that of the Premier of England. There are also a representation of David in the lion's den, and a picture entitled "Going out with the tide." In all the pictures there is work of a most creditable kind. Sir H. B. Loch, I think, is, judging from photographs of his Excellency, excellently portrayed, and it is said, has been painted to the satisfaction of Lady Loch. Mr. Gladstone, the artist states, has been painted from life, and though in the picture the pose is a little formal, the features of the hon. gentleman seem marked with fidelity, and certainly glow with animation. As regards the third picture, the figure of the Prophet is remarkably striking. It is represented in a kneeling position, and bears a devout expression. Near it, in dimmer colours, that throw it into clearer relief, is the personification of a protective divinity, from which the lion that would attack Daniel is retiring, while in the background is revealed a gloom which is appropriate to the subject, and which might be supposed would prevail in such a place.

The fourth picture, which is an imaginative one, represents an old fisherman sitting at his cottage door. Presumably the old man, weary with the toils of life, is "going out with the tide." He is surrounded by young folk, who enclose in pursuit which have little interest for him, and from an active knowledge of which he is drifting away on life's stream. In all the pictures visitors will find subjects for admiration and praise. Their approval of them will probably be enhanced by the knowledge that the artist is an Australian, who has a favourable reputation as a portrait painter, and whose works of other kinds are well known.

The Water Conservation Commission concluded its inquiries at Dubbo on Friday, and left by the evening train, Messrs. Lyons (president), Murray, and Targett, M.L.A.'s, proceeding right on to Sydney, the remainder breaking the journey at Bathurst on Friday night, and arriving in Sydney on Saturday evening. In today's issue will be found a valuable report from the secretary to the commission, relative to water conservation on the Macquarie River. The report was read at the meeting of the commission at Dubbo on Friday. Some interesting particulars concerning the Murray River as a source of supply for canals, and the feasibility of constructing such works in the Murray District together with the practicability of immense water storage on the Upper Murray, will be found in the same column. Mr. Gaskin, C.E., attached to the commission, remains in the Gwydir District to carry on investigations relative to water conservation there.

Mr. MONAHEY, Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, writing to Mr. Burdett, M.L.A., in reference to the water supply and the total length of the gaps necessary to be filled to complete the line to Prospect, states that about half a mile of fluming is required to make the line continuous to that point. A contract has been taken for this, and is to be completed in 10 months. This means that the aqueducts will be completed and laid in place but a short time over that period, because the flumes will be sent as made, and be laid in place as the shipments arrive. The cost of temporary fluming for the gaps, to be made of galvanised iron, might be estimated at about £8000. To bring a temporary supply into Sydney would require about 4½ miles of fluming to take the place of the wrought-iron aqueduct for which tenders were now invited. It would require also about 12 or 13 miles of 16-inch pipes, which, with the 18-inch pipes now on the way to the colony, would enable them to send a subsidiary supply into the Hunter swamp.

NEWCASTLE'S swamp, whence a supplementary supply of water for the city is to be obtained, forms the subject of a descriptive article which appears elsewhere.

THE swamp has been elevated, and the greater portion of it now occupied by Colne, who earn a livelihood as market gardeners.

In another column are published the principal papers in the report of the Inspector-General of the Police.

The amateur meeting of the Sydney Turf Club, which came off at Warwick on Saturday last, was well attended, but the racing was exceedingly poor. The result of the meeting was better than has been usual, well. The racing was better than has been the case of late, and it most instances the fields were large. The due field did not hold so much sway as was the case on the Queen's birthday, in consequence of the road having been partially damped with salt water.

We learn that the Hon. William Macleay, F.L.S., &c., and Mr. F. P. Ramsay, F.R.S., &c., and M.L.A., have both been elected hon. members of the Royal Society of Tasmania, in recognition of their distinguished services in the cause of science.

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THE COLOURED LABOUR QUESTION IN NORTHERN QUEENSLAND.

THE RUSSIAN REPLY RECEIVED IN LONDON.

SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

BRITISH PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY RUSSIA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, MAY 31.

The Russian reply in reference to the agreement concluded between Earl Granville and M. de Stael was received at 10 a.m. on Saturday afternoon. The contents of the telegram are as follows:—

"The Russian Government has accepted the British proposals, and the British Government has accepted the Russian counter-proposals."

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(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, SUNDAY.

The stormy weather which has been experienced in the colony has been declared by the Polynesian Commission to have been illegitimately recruited. Mr. A. Musgrave, jun., goes with the steamer as Acting Deputy Commissioner in the Pacific, and the Queensland Government will be represented by Messrs. H. M. Chester, W. C. Lawrie, and Dr. Smith. The Northern planters are, however, taking steps to prevent, if possible, the removal of the islanders, and a protest has been entered with the immigration agents at Mackay and elsewhere, and also with the Government. One planter at Mackay is said to have flatly refused to deliver up the islanders on the plantation, and stated that if the Government intended to take them they must do so by force. Other planters are understood to have refused to give up the labourers at present, and an injunction to restrain the Government from removing them will be applied for at the instance of some of the Mackay planters in the Supreme Court to-morrow. The three Mackay firms who are understood to be taking the chief action in the matter are Messrs. Sloane and Company, the Colonial Sugar Company, and Messrs. Fanning, Nankivell, and Company. One of the chief reasons given is that if the labourers are removed at the present time the sugar crop will be completely ruined.

THE ASSOCIATED BANKS have arranged to charge the following rates of exchange on London bills at 60 days' sight:—Buying, 2s. 6d. discount; selling, 1s. 6d. premium.

The shareholders in the Mutual Store have decided on a ballot of 1898 against 1128 against interfering

their work as skirmishers. They kept up a rapid and precise fire. Before dispersing the squatters, Captain Gladstone complimented the men on their efficiency and their zeal in attending the drills they had been called upon to do recently, and stated that he would report the satisfactory condition of the corps to the authorities in order to secure them the capitation grant. He advised a few of the members of the corps to sit up in their saddles, and depressed a slowly appearance in the saddle. It was, however, passed on the whole with their appearance and the rapid strides they had made in their drill.

In view of statements recently published concerning the operations of the Girls' Friendly Society, and with a desire to remove any false impressions which may exist in regard to the society, an advertisement appears in our present issue explaining its principles and aims. Among other things, it states that in New South Wales one subsidiary work of the society has been to encourage the immigration of girls of good character to set towards those sent out by the society in England, for whom the usual deposit has been paid, precisely as private friends conjoined to them, and that they come out for domestic service to find them good places, whether with associates of the society or with others. In so doing, it is pointed out, the society has hitherto acted on official authority expressed in a letter from the Colonial Secretary to the Agent-General, ordering that the girls so nominated at home should be discharged on their arrival to the society to the extent of their knowledge of the girl's character. The council, it is stated, have never desired to go beyond this function, and whatever difficulty has occurred has been caused by some technical irregularity in England for which they are not responsible. They are now only desirous to know precisely the regulation laid down by the Government, and to guide accordingly the action of the society at home.

A MEETING of the shareholders of the Ashfield Recreation Club was held at the Ashfield School of Arts on Friday evening. There was a large attendance, and considerable interest manifested in the proceedings. Mr. F. Oldfield, who occupied the chair, pointed out that the directors had expended as much money on the grounds as they felt justified in doing on their own responsibility; and that, as the additions requisite to complete the arrangements, in the shape of a club room with billiard-tables attached, a lawn tennis ground, and a bicycle track, were absolutely necessary before any appeal could be made to intending subscribers, it was compulsory on directors to make a further call upon the shareholders. The demands already made for accommodation by cricket clubs, cyclists, and other associations were very numerous, and they could not be supplied unless conveniences were at hand; hence, in view of the support offered, it was urged that immediate steps should be taken to raise funds to complete the arrangements, as contemplated. A prompt response was made to the appeal, and out of some £1500 required, more than half was guaranteed in the room. It was stated that if time was given the balance of the shares would be taken up, and, in view of the same, the meeting adjourned for a week. It was pointed out that, as far as completeness was concerned, there was no ground in the colony likely to suit the needs of a club if the programme of the promoters could be carried successfully through.

A PUBLIC meeting of the electors of St. Leonards was held at the Maude's Hall, Walker-street, St. Leonards, at noon to-day, for the nomination of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the place of Mr. H. O. Holtermann, deceased. Three candidates have announced themselves, namely, Messrs. Isaac Ellis, Mr. Michael McNaughton, and John Hurley, and if a poll is demanded it will take place on Thursday.

Mr. McNaughton addressed a large meeting of the electors of St. Leonards at Boulon's Hotel, Pittwater, on Saturday afternoon. The candidate referred to the Local Government Bill, and at some length pointed out the urgent necessity for connecting Pittwater with Sydney by a light railway. After answering several questions to the satisfaction of the audience, a vote of confidence was carried in his favour, on the motion of Mr. Iles, seconded by Mr. Biscuit. Later on Mr. McNaughton addressed a select from the library of Baggall's Hotel, Waverley, Mr. Allister Weeks in the chair. The candidate spoke with considerable fluency in relation to local matters, and pointed out the difficulty of having a bridge erected across the Spit to connect the metropolis with Manly. He was well received. On the motion of Mr. Bailey, second

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135, GEORGE-STREET, under instructions
from the proprietor.—The Whole of
the Valuable Stock of Superb Fancy
Goods, including Linen, China,
Almonds, Indented Dolls, &c.; Glass,
Showcases, Fixtures, Fittings, &c. All
without reserve.

THURSDAY, 4th June. At 123, PITTS-STREET, 25 Cases
GENERAL DRY-WEAR, received from Asia,
Men's Clothing, Hats, Longclothes, &c.
Just landed ex Patriarch.

FRIDAY, 5th June. Important Unreserved Sale of Superior
Electroplated Ware, Jewelry, Fancy
Goods, &c. To be sold at the lowest reserve,
on account of whom it may concern.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, 1st JUNE, at 11 o'clock sharp.

TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, &c.

Entire Unreserved Sale
of
WOOD MANTLEPIECES
in
Marble, Black and Gold, Walnut and Oak,
in newest designs and patterns.

Just landed ex Patriarch.

CHAR. MOORE AND CO. have been instructed by the
Manufacturer to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 123, Pitt-
street, THIS DAY, MONDAY, 1st June, at 11 o'clock sharp,
25 Cases of the above Goods, in greatest variety.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

TERMS AT SALE.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, 2nd June, at 11 o'clock, sharp.
TO THE BOAT AND SHOE TRADE, COUNTRY BUSINESSES, &c.

IMPORTANT AND UNRESERVED SALE

OF
NEW AND SEASONABLE LINES
in
Men's, Women's, and Children's
BOOTS AND SHOES
from all the well-known makers of

ADOLPH FALK AND CO.,
TURNER BROS. HYDE, and CO.,
ROBERTSON, BENNETT
POLLAK, & CO.,
W. JONES, &c. &c.

Just landed ex *Seaweed*.

CHAR. MOORE AND CO. have been instructed by those
engaged in the Manufacture of Buttons, at their Rooms, 123, Pitt-
street, TO-MORROW, 2nd June, at 11 o'clock, sharp.

Instructions of entirely original goods, just landed, ex ss. *Seaweed*.
Inclusive of postage.

Buttons, 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 7d, 8d, 9d, 10d, 11d, 12d, 13d, 14d, 15d, 16d, 17d, 18d, 19d, 20d, 21d, 22d, 23d, 24d, 25d, 26d, 27d, 28d, 29d, 30d, 31d, 32d, 33d, 34d, 35d, 36d, 37d, 38d, 39d, 40d, 41d, 42d, 43d, 44d, 45d, 46d, 47d, 48d, 49d, 50d, 51d, 52d, 53d, 54d, 55d, 56d, 57d, 58d, 59d, 60d, 61d, 62d, 63d, 64d, 65d, 66d, 67d, 68d, 69d, 70d, 71d, 72d, 73d, 74d, 75d, 76d, 77d, 78d, 79d, 80d, 81d, 82d, 83d, 84d, 85d, 86d, 87d, 88d, 89d, 90d, 91d, 92d, 93d, 94d, 95d, 96d, 97d, 98d, 99d, 100d, 101d, 102d, 103d, 104d, 105d, 106d, 107d, 108d, 109d, 110d, 111d, 112d, 113d, 114d, 115d, 116d, 117d, 118d, 119d, 120d, 121d, 122d, 123d, 124d, 125d, 126d, 127d, 128d, 129d, 130d, 131d, 132d, 133d, 134d, 135d, 136d, 137d, 138d, 139d, 140d, 141d, 142d, 143d, 144d, 145d, 146d, 147d, 148d, 149d, 150d, 151d, 152d, 153d, 154d, 155d, 156d, 157d, 158d, 159d, 160d, 161d, 162d, 163d, 164d, 165d, 166d, 167d, 168d, 169d, 170d, 171d, 172d, 173d, 174d, 175d, 176d, 177d, 178d, 179d, 180d, 181d, 182d, 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